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CLAIMS

1. Use of perfluoropolyether phosphates as stabilizing agents for polyphenols in cosmetic and/or dermatological compositions for topical application.
- 5 2. Use according to claim 1, wherein said perfluoropolyether phosphates have the general formula (I):



wherein

x = 1 or 2;

- 10 R₁ and R₂ are independently selected between H and CH₃;
- n is an integer between 1 and 50, preferably 1-6;
- R_f is a perfluoropolyether chain with a number average molecular weight between 400 and 1800, preferably 500-1300, comprising repeating units selected from the following:
- 15 a) -(C₃F₆O)-
- b) -(CF₂CF₂O)-
- c) -(CFL₀O)-, wherein L₀ = -F, -CF₃;
- d) -CF₂(CF₂)_yCF₂O-, wherein y = 1 or 2;
- e) -CH₂CF₂CF₂O-,
- 20 and wherein, when x = 1, an end group is a perfluoroalkyl selected from CF₃O, C₂F₅O, C₃F₇O.
3. Use according to claim 2, wherein R_f has one of the following structures:
 - 1) -(CF₂O)_a-(CF₂CF₂O)_b-
 - 25 wherein b/a lies between 0.3 and 10 and a is an integer different from 0;
 - 2) -(CF₂-(CF₂)_y-CF₂O)_{b'}-

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- wherein $y = 1$ or 2 ;
- 3) $-(C_3F_6O)_r-(C_2F_4O)_b-(CFL_0O)_t-$,
wherein $r/b = 0.5-2.0$, $(r+b)/t = 10-30$, b and t are integers different from 0 ;
- 5 4) $-(OC_3F_6)_r-(CFL_0O)_t-OCF_2-R'f-CF_2O-(C_3F_6O)_r-(CFL_0O)_t-$
5) $-(CF_2CF_2CH_2O)_q-R'f-O-(CH_2CF_2CF_2O)_q-$
wherein R' is a fluoroalkylene group with $1-4$ carbon atoms;
 L_0 is chosen between F and CF_3 ;
- 6) $-(C_3F_6O)_r-OCF_2-R'f-CF_2O-(C_3F_6O)_r-$
- 10 wherein in the above formulas:
 $-(C_3F_6O)$ - represents units of formula:
 $-(CF(CF_3)CF_2O)$ - and/or $-(CF_2-CF(CF_3)O)$ -
 a, b, b', q', r, t are integers, whose sum is such that R_f has values of
number average molecular weight M_n lying between about 400 and about
- 15 1800, preferably between 500 and 1300 .
4. Use according to claim 3, wherein the perfluoropolyether phosphates are perfluoropolyether diphosphates of formula (II):
- $-CF_2-O(CF_2CF_2O)_b(CF_2O)_a-CF_2-[CH_2-(OCH_2CH_2)_nO-PO(OH)_2]_2 \quad (II)$
- wherein $n = 1$ or 2 , $b/a = 0.5-3.0$ and a, b and r have the meanings
- 20 reported in claim 3.
5. A cosmetic and/or dermatological composition for topical use comprising, as active substances, polyphenols in association with a suitable carrier, characterized by containing, as stabilizing agent, an effective amount of at least one perfluoropolyether phosphate.
- 25 6. A cosmetic and/or dermatological composition according to claim 5, wherein said stabilizing agent is a perfluoropolyether diphosphate according to formula (II) of claim 4.
7. A composition according to claim 6, wherein said at least one perfluoropolyether diphosphate is contained in an amount included
- 30 between 0.1 and 5.0% by weight of total composition weight.
8. A composition according to claim 7, wherein said at least one perfluoropolyether diphosphate is contained in an amount included

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between 0.2 and 1.0% by weight of total composition weight.

9. A composition according to any one of claims 5 to 8, wherein the polyphenol content is included between 0.1% and 5% by weight of total composition weight.

5 10. A composition according to any one of claims 5 to 9, further including vitamin E.

11. A composition according to claim 10, wherein said vitamin E is contained in an amount between 0.5 and 10% by weight of total composition weight.

10 12. A composition according to any one of claims 5 to 11, further including ascorbic acid.

13. A composition according to claim 12, wherein the ascorbic acid is contained in an amount between 0.1 and 10% by weight of total composition weight.

15 14. A composition according to any one of claims 5 to 13, further including at least one compound selected from the group consisting of vitamin A, carotenes, carotenoids, lutein, lycopene and xanthophylls.

15. A composition according to any one of claims 5 to 14, characterized by being in the form of a cream.